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AN ABLE STATESMAN

Passed Away In the Person Of Nelson Dingley.

PAYNE TO SUCCEED HIM

As Leader Of the Republican Party In the House Of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Nelson Dingley, of Maine, died last night shortly after 10 o'clock, at his rooms in the Hamilton house. He had been falling rapidly all day, and had been unconscious for many hours preceding his death. He died without a sign of pain, and his death, according to the doctors, was due to "heart failure" resulting from his extreme weakness, following grip and pneumonia. His family were with him to the last.

Congressman Dingley was born on a farm near Durham, Maine, February 15, 1832. He graduated at Dartmouth, and was admitted to the bar, but left the profession to become proprietor of the Lewiston, Me., Journal, daily and weekly, in 1856. He maintained that connection until his death. He was for many years a member of the state legislature, and was governor of the state of Maine in 1874-'75. In 1881 he was elected to congress serving continuously until he died.

Mr. Dingley was the leader of the republican party in the house of representatives, but notwithstanding that he had been for twenty years in congress, and was always an efficient, hard-working member, it was only within a comparatively recent time that he attained real prominence.

Dingley was not brilliant, like James G. Blaine, his famous colleague, but he was a plodding, hard-working statesman, who attained all he had by slow and steady persistence. He was recognized as a scholar in many ways, and both in writing and in debate he was forceful and incisive.

The sense of humor was apparently absent from Mr. Dingley's makeup. It is said that he was never known to perpetrate a joke, and did not appreciate the humor of others. Mr. Dingley took all the world seriously, and he accepted his public duties, in whatever connection, as a sacred trust. He was decidedly what is known as a constructive statesman.

Mr. Dingley first came into decided prominence when McKinley left congress. At that time the democrats were in control of the house, and there was abundant opportunity for a man of unusual ability to show what he was worth. In the first congress during Cleveland's second term either Mr. Dingley or Mr. Reed was always on the floor of the house. They did not permit a point to escape them, and they kept the democrats guessing what was coming next.

Mr. Reed, brilliant, sarcastic, terrorizing, was recognized as the party manager, but it was Dingley who carefully watched all the little points of legislation, and when the republicans came into power in the next congress he was made chairman of the ways and means committee with out opposition.

In that capacity he has led in legislation for the last four years. He has been a strong leader rather than a skillful tactician. He has had a policy and he has stuck to it. It is said that no man ever saw him disconcerted. He has controlled himself and his party by the sheer force of his ability. He had the confidence and respect of all parties.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Congressman Dingley's death last night brings to the front as leader of that house Mr. Payne of New York, who is now serving his 7th term in the body.

Payne has been on the ways and means committee for ten years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The death of Dingley was the sole topic of conversation on the floor of the house before that body convened. Representatives gathered in knots to exchange reminiscences of the dead leaders. The desk he occupied was draped with crepe and covered with flowers.

Chaplain Couden's prayer was a touching tribute to Dingley's memory.

Immediately after the reading of the journal, Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, arose and informed the house of the loss sustained by congress and the American people. "It has become the most painful duty of my public life," he said, "to announce the death of Representative Nelson Dingley of Maine. This is not the time to refer to the illustrious character and splendid services of Mr. Dingley. At a later time I shall ask the house to name an appropriate season for paying due tribute to the memory of the man whose remarkable public services, both on the floor and in the councils of his native state, make his loss irreparable.

"He has been taken from us at a time when his loss will be felt most severely. In announcing his death I will say what can be said of but few men, that his loss will be sincerely regretted by all without regard to party or creed."

Mr. Boutelle presented resolutions conveying an expression of the grief of the house to the bereaved family, which were adopted.

Mr. Boutelle offered another resolution that the house immediately adjourn. This action was taken without a dissenting vote.

The following committee was named by Speaker Reed to accompany Dingley's remains to Lewiston: Boutelle, Clarke, of New Hampshire; Payne, Evans, Dolliver, Tawney, Hill-

INDIANS TO MEXICO

A Large Number Will Emigrate In the Near Future.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE

For The Colonization Of Creeks, Delawares, And Cherokees In Our Sister Republic.

VINITA, I. T., Jan. 14.—Hon. W. J. Lyons of Sonora, Mexico, who passed through El Paso last Thursday, arrived here today to escort the Delaware Indians, and a portion of the Creeks and Cherokees to Mexico, where they

will settle on lands conceded to them by the government of the Mexican republic.

All the Delawares will settle in Sonora, the Creeks in Guadalupe and the Cherokees in Durango. The Indians have been negotiating for removal to Mexico since last summer. At one time they contemplated purchasing an immense tract of land fifty miles below El Paso on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande from Captain Chas Davis and others, but for some reason the deal fell through and the representatives of the dissatisfied tribes sought a location further south.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Orders were issued at the war department this morning to the Sixth United States Infantry, now stationed at San Antonio, Texas, to hold itself in readiness for duty in Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The British ship *Adelana* capsized this morning in Tacoma Bay. All the crew were lost.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Commodore John W. Philip, who won distinction as the captain of the battleship *Texas* in the naval fight off Santiago, will hoist his flag at the Brooklyn Navy

Yard tomorrow, succeeding to the command of Rear Admiral F. M. Bunce, who was officially retired Christmas day.

Commodore Philip called on Admiral Bunce today, and presented his orders from Secretary Long, assigning him to the command of the navy yard. Tomorrow or Monday he will formally assume command, the event being attended with the customary ceremonies and salute.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The terms of the treaty agreed upon by the Cherokees and the Dawes commission, which was signed yesterday, were made public today. It provides for the listing of all the lands of the nation into five classes, ranging in assessed value from 25 cents to \$5 per acre. It permits each citizen to select 120 acres.

If the assessed value of the 120 acres is greater than the citizens' pro-rata share he must pay the difference into the treasury for the benefit of the nation; if less, he is entitled to have the difference made up to him out of unallotted lands or from money in the treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Gen. Egan this morning declined to deny or affirm the statement that he would formally apologize to the war investigating commission for the language used in his response to Gen. Miles. It is generally believed that he is making a parliamentary revision of his statement, but under somewhat of a protest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Secretary Alger had a two hours conference with the president this morning, during which no one else was admitted. It is understood that the talk was about the Miles-Egan affair. After the conference was over Alger rather angrily refused to answer any questions, but it was learned this afternoon from a reliable source that the president and Secretary Alger had not determined on the course they will pursue.

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THE STORY ABSURD

That the United States Troops At Manila Are Mutinous.

SITUATION IS BETTER

And There Is No Cause For Alarm On Account Of Present Condition In the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Secretary Alger received a cable dispatch from Gen. Otis this morning containing such reassuring news as to the situation at Manila that the war department feels justified in denying the reports that conditions were critical.

The war department will not make public the text of the message, but it is similar in character to the one given to the press several days ago in which Gen. Otis told of the improved conditions.

Gen. Otis said that conditions are improving. He is well satisfied with the situation, and "everything is lovely and the goose hangs high" was the free interpretation of the message given by a high official. There was nothing in the message from Gen. Otis about mutiny among the United States troops.

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through the newspapers that all statements of German intrigues in the Philippines are horrible nonsense. "We urge that the American papers cease," says the note, "making an honest German policy bear the burden of their remarks."

CONTEST FOR MAYOR

Involves National Politics.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.—Republican leaders here are watching with intense interest the progress of the bitter contest now going on in Baltimore for the party mayoralty nomination. The reason for the widespread attention the present fight is attracting lies in the general belief that as the city goes next May so will the state go in November.

The warfare against Mayor Malster, who is seeking a renomination, and who recently declared he had been offered a bribe of \$100,000 to withdraw from the race, is one of extreme bitterness in which the republicans are split into two unyielding factions. Senator Wellington has assured Mayor Malster that he would not take sides in the fight, but several of his lieutenants are leading spirits in the Union League, which organization is leading the fight on the mayor.

BOTH HOUSES

Adjourn Out of Respect to Congressman Dingley.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Senator Hoar offered in the senate today a resolution recognizing the independence of the people of the Philippines, and asked its immediate consideration. Mr. Davis objected and the resolution went over.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Both houses of congress adjourned out of respect for the late Nelson Dingley.

ALBANY LAUNCHED

A British Built American Cruiser.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The American cruiser *Albany* was successfully launched today from the yards of the Armstrongs in Elswick. She was christened by Mrs. Colwell, wife of Lieut. Colwell, naval attaché of the United States embassy. The weather is perfect.

Died.

Peter H. Peterson of Cambridge, Iowa, died this morning 312 San Antonio St. of consumption, age 22 years.

The remains will be shipped tomorrow via Pacific express to Cambridge for interment by Undertaker Nagley.

L. B. Madden, of the Caldwell Undertaking company, left for Las Cruces this morning to prepare for burial the body of a daughter of Mr. Vestal of Little Rock, who died there yesterday. The remains will be shipped to Little Rock tomorrow.

Forcibly Ejected.

This morning Deputy Sheriff Henry Heep by authority of a writ issued in the district court went out to the house occupied by a colored man named John Wesley on San Francisco street and after breaking in the door removed all the household furniture into the street.

The premises belong to the city and Zack White and the negro has held adverse possession for several years and heretofore resisted all attempts to oust him.

A Wounded Rough Rider.

Henry Shulte, late sergeant of troop 1, of the Rough Riders, who enlisted at New York City, applied to the mayor this morning for assistance to get to Springfield, New Mexico. He was wounded at Santiago and afterwards discharged to recover. The mayor agreed to assist the soldier to get to Albuquerque.

Deaths.

A deed was filed today by Thomas Sidebotham and wife conveying to Edward Sidebotham for the sum of \$1000, lots 2 and 3 block 15 Morehead addition.

A state lease was also filed conveying to J. B. and S. H. Usery of Toys h, sections 8, 16 and 24 block 61, town 25 N., of the T. & P. railway survey for \$62.25.

Daylight Theft.

The Tanner Pennabaker Hardware company has reported to the police the loss of three six shooters which were stolen from the company's store yesterday by an unknown party. The police are endeavoring to locate the guilty person or persons and recover the goods.

District Court.

Maurice Simon procured a verdict in the district court this morning against the G. H. railway for \$1600 damages for personal injuries. A. Schwartz made application for final papers of citizenship.

Price of Brick Advance.

In El Paso the price of brick has recently advanced \$1 per thousand. This is no doubt on account of the recent boom in this city in the erection of new buildings.



HON. NELSON DINGLEY

Republican Leader Of the House Of Representatives, Who Died Last Night.

borne, Bailey, Dockery, McClelland, and Bell.

FERTILE PORTO RICO

Abstract Of A Report To Gen. Brooke

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Assistant Secretary of War Melklejohn has made public an abstract of a report made to General Brooke by W. Korda, a man well known in the United States, after a visit through the cane and coffee districts of Porto Rico.

There is, remarks Mr. Korda, no more fertile or productive land in Porto Rico than that which he found. Every foot, he says, gives forth some fruit or profit. That part of the ground not covered by coffee or cocoa trees produces plantains, bananas, tobacco, corn peas, sweet potatoes, etc.

Notwithstanding that he was traveling in a part of the island reputed to be the scene of constant crime, he was unable after four days of close investigation to obtain the slightest confirmation of these reports.

On the contrary, he found many signs of peace and prosperity.

FROZEN TO DEATH

A Woman and Two Children Lose Their Lives In A Blizzard.

HANCOCK, Mich. Jan. 14.—During the blizzard here Mrs. Thomas Urin and her little daughter and son, aged